A.C.L.U. Spells Out More Student Rights

"Neither the 14th Amendment nor the Bill of Rights is for adults alone." This is the central theme of a pamphlet issued by the American Civil Liberties Union entitled "Academic Freedom in the Secondary School." This series of policy statements, although not intended as a "cure-all' for all problems involving students' rights, recommends guidelines to be followed that are in accordance with today's liberalization, of student expression.

On the topic of student rights, the A.C.L.U. feels that the students have a right to make decisions, "so long as the consequences of their acts are not dangerous to life and property, and do not seriously disrupt the academic process."

A.C.L.U. Condemns Censorship

The A.C.L.U. condemned restrictions in political thought by school authorities. "Not only should the student be guaranteed freedom to inquire and to express his thought while in the school; he should also be assured that he will be free from coercion of improper disclosure which may have ill effects on his career. The legitimate power of school authorities to safeguard school property should not be misused to suppress a piece of literature by reason of objection to its content."

Midwood Group Aids Biafra; Over $1000 Collected

"Over 200,000 people are dying each month!" cry out the posters placed in the main lobby by the Midwood Biafra Committee. The money to be collected in the drive, "Fill the Barrel," will buy food and medicine for the starving people of Biafra.

"...our responsibility–"

Babies Hospitalized for Malnutrition

Since the Nigerians sealed off all land routes to Biafra in July, 1967, more than 1,000,000 Ibos have died of starvation and disease. The worst victims of the blockade are the children and old people. Biafran hospitals are filled with babies suffering from bloated stomachs and festering skin sores. Because proper diet in the first months of life is essential to brain development, many of the recently born children will probably be mentally deficient for life.

Through the Biafra Relief Services Foundation, the organization to which Midwood sends its donations, supplies are piloted in during the night from the off-shore island of Sao Tome. The BRSF is the only group which directly aids the Biafrans. Supplies sent by the International Red Cross and U.N. groups go to Nigeria first before trickling into the Ibo camp. Fearful that the food has been poisoned by their enemy, the Biafrans refuse to use it. American contributions are made by private individuals as the U. S. government has not appropriated any funds.

Midwood Committee Seeks Money

The committee which meets in B-71

School Sales Raise Funds To Buy Food, Medicine

Friday, 11th period has held cake sales and book sales, petition-signing drives, and assembly programs. Midwoodites have responded by donating over $1,000 but as one member, Robin Reif, continues to urge:

"Not only must we admit our responsibility, but we must realize our ability to help. Vacillating between being suspicious, apathetic, or afraid of becoming involved is inexcusable when human life is at stake."

LOOK INTO MY EYES

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Mr. Dank Heads Spring '69 Term

Mr. Lawrence J. Dank, Administrative Assistant, has assumed charge of the Midwood High School spring administration, as a result of the leave of absence taken by Dr. Bernstein. He will serve as Acting Principal, while Mr. Reich will fill the position of Administrative Assistant.

Coordinator of the guidance system, Miss Flora Shore, and Kensington Director, Mr. George Dobren, will aid Mr. Dank. Miss Shore returned to Midwood in February from a leave of absence. Mrs. Saronson, Acting Administrative Assistant during Miss Shore's absence, will be a special Assistant to the Administration.

Policy To Remain Unchanged

Discussing the possibility of any policy changes during the spring term due to the departure of Dr. Bernstein, the Acting Principal stated, "Business will be as usual. Major changes are generally made in the fall term."

Should Dr. Bernstein not return to Midwood for the 1969-1970 school year, Mr. Dank would continue to serve as Acting Principal. Mr. Dank organized Midwood High School for the Board of Education, and was present when the school was first opened. He has been Administrative Assistant here for 27 years.

Forum Discusses 'La Huelga'; Features Migrant Worker Rep.

Representing the United Farm Workers Association, Mr. Peter Standih described the condition of the striking migrant workers in Califonia as that of a "sub-human economic and social class," as he addressed a recent meeting of the S.S. Forum.

Mr. Standish discussed the efforts of the California Farm Workers to gain recognition of their union, decent wages and better working conditions.

Standish urges grape boycott.

He indicated that the success of the three year strike of grape pickers has been hindered by the growers' "illegal recruitment of alien strike breakers from Mexico." This factor, he pointed out has forced the Farm Workers to urge consumers to boycott stores selling California grapes.

"Decision at Delano," a film dealing with the strike of grape pickers in California was also presented. The film showed picketing farm workers carrying "huelga' (strike) signs, and the living conditions of the workers. In the film, Cesar Chevez, who organized the grape pickers and founded the National Farm Workers Association, compared the plight of the migrant workers to that of the people in the Civil Rights movement, as he stressed the need for Federal legislation. The grape pickers are the lowest paid workers in the country and remain unprotected by present Federal labor laws.

SOPHS WIN SING 'GAME'; THIRD TIME IN 22 YEARS

For the third time in Midwood history, Sophomores captured a Sing victory. Climaxing three months of preparation, the final SING results were announced on Sunday afternoon before the third audience to see this year's presentation.

Sophomore SING, entitled "Games People Play" viewed as games many phases of life including fashion, dating, protests, and mergers (such as that between Jackie and Ari Onassis).

The winning SING was selected by the judges for its originality and presentation. The Junior Victory Song was judged "Best Song."

Following the announcement of the Soph victory, sophomore SING Commissioner Dan Horn, nearly speechless, uttered, "I don't believe it."

Sophs present "Games People Play."

Sophomore officers included Edie Weitzman and Betty Tuller as Chairman and Co-chairman, and Robin Solomon and Judy Goldstein as Leader and Co-leader.

In Senior SING, "Lovesick," which placed second Midwood students and teachers found themselves quarantined during a plague. Placing third, Junior SING, "No Strings Attached," made a plea for peace and brotherhood as puppets rebelled against the Puppet Master who preached hate. Freshmen SING, "The Ken-Sing-Thing," expressed attachment for Kensington despite "crumbling" conditions.

Mr. Harris Sarney served as SING faculty advisor for the eighth time this year. Unlike previous years, he was assisted by faculty advisors for each class; Miss Judith Rosenstein, Seniors; Mr. Jeff Glass, Juniors; Mr. Steve Friedman, Sophomores. Freshmen SING was directed again this year by Mr. Michele Colorito.

SING highlights as preserved in the SING booklet compiled by Senior Susan Janovsky.

LIKE IT IS....

A course in **Afro-American History** will begin in Midwood for the first time next year. The new Senior elective, to be called S. S. 10, will officially start in February 1970, open to those who have completed their normal 3½ year history requirements. It may also be taken in September 1969 if a student's program permits.

S.S. Chairman Martin Ilivicky expressed the view that more would be done in this area by adding, "The course by itself is not sufficient; we are attempting to integrate Negro history in all S.S. classes. . . . Negro history is part and parcel of American history."

The new elective was given its first step forward by a recent departmental meeting, in which the problems of how to teach the course effectively was discussed.

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Midwood will have its own happening next Friday when the **"Spring Thing"** is held at the Gym. The entertainment on hand will range from a jazz and steel band, to a rock group, in order to cover a wide variety of tastes. Tickets for G.O. members are 25¢ and will be available at the door.

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Members of Midwood's Black Cultural Society recently visited the **"Harlem On My Mind: The Cultural Capital of Black America 1900-1968 Exhibition** at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Accompanied by Mr. Evans, fifteen students, black and white, explored the series of photographs, flashing slides, films, televisions, recordings, and memorabilia designed to present the total Harlem environment (economical, political, cultural) in a historical manner.

The society meets every Friday in B-71 after period 8.

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Sophomore Orientation Night, a time to better acquaint sophs with the activities of Midwood, took place last month. In addition to talks given by Orientation Commissioner Ellen Singer, and Mayor Debbie Isom, the Mixed Chorus performed, and songs were sung from Junior Sing '68. Following this, sophs spoke with representatives of Midwood teams, clubs, Student Government, and student publications.

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Achieving honors in the **Westinghouse Scholarship Competition,** senior Mark Troll surpassed all other Midwood participants.

Progressive H.S. To Make Debut

An all-year high school is being planned by the Board of Education for opening next fall in the Coney Island section. This laboratory for education will have no grading system or homework and is aimed specifically at ". . . putting the responsibility for learning on the student."

The school, named for John Dewey, father of progressive education, will have no semesters but instead the year will be divided into seven-week phases. The summer phase would be optional. The school day will be eight hours long, thus making possible participation in athletics or club activities and completion of what would normally be homework.

Each student will have an individualized program with the flexibility that would allow students to skip classes if they thought that the time would be better spent in the library or laboratory. Students will not be graded at the end of each phase, but will be notified whether or not they have mastered the subject.

Students Gain Voice On New Arista Senate

For the first time, the Arista-Archon Senate has voted to accept students as members. A plan calling for equal representation, six students serving with six teachers and administrators, will go into effect this term for a one year trial period.

Members of Arista and Archon are selected each year for their scholarship, service, and character. If the conduct of an applicant or member is ever challenged, the student faces possible expulsion or rejection from the society involved. His case is brought before the Senate for a final decision on the validity of the challenge.

Formerly, the case would have been presented by the Arista or Archon faculty advisor before 13 or 14 faculty and administration members. With the new plan, the student may present his own defense, unless he personally requests to be represented by his faculty advisor.

The Boy and Girl Leaders of Arista and Archon will sit on the Senate, along with one elected representative from each society.

The idea for the new Arista-Archon Senate was conceived and presented by the *Argus* editorial board.

NEW DRESS CODE

The dress code proposed by student government should be endorsed by Midwood's administration. Setting up virtually complete freedom in the choice of attire, the dress code gives the students both the right and the responsibility to exercise good judgment in the area of personal dress.

In choosing their own dress, students will be given the power to set much of the tone in which Midwood will function. It is a large responsibility, and this new freedom will encounter some problems, mostly due to its novelty. But the process of education should entail much more than classroom work. While expecting students to assume greater academic responsibility, the school should also give the students more responsibility in personal conduct.

For those who think this freedom will be abused, safeguards in the proposed dress code would eliminate the most outlandish dress. We urge the administration to make this important move forward.

ARGUS WINS REFORM

The decision to accept the suggestion of the *Argus* and give students equal representation on the Arista-Archon Senate is to be applauded.

The Arista-Archon Senate, which weighs charges against students to determine membership eligibility, has been, until now, composed solely of members of the faculty and administration. Hereafter, for at least a one year trial period, elected representatives of Arista and Archon will be given power equal to that of the faculty and administration in judging their peers. The new perspective that the students bring should greatly aid the Senate.

Students should be encouraged to function in more such responsible positions in the school where their talents and new ideas can be put to use. By permitting students to serve on this Senate, Midwood's administration has shown itself to be open to constructive criticism, and not averse to changes within existing institutions. It is to be hoped that more students will follow the lead of the *Argus* and work to change Midwood in meaningful ways.

A SORRY STATE

No practices will be held for the *football team.*
The music lounge will not have any *records.*
There will be no more *baseball* games played.
There is not to be an *S.S.* forum again.
Midwood will have no *handball* team.
There will be no *F.D.R.* award.
No more new *films* will be shown.
The *orchestra* will play the same old tunes.
No *swimming* team will represent Midwood.
The *Math* team will be dissolved.
Kensington will stop all activities.
Argus will not publish again.
Track will be abolished.
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What's Going On There?

▼ A multi-media sculpture, "The Infinite Sound Asylum," was designed by two art majors from Lincoln High School. The atmosphere of the six foot tall, red plexiglass structure surrounds the participant with sensations of touch, sound, and sight. By the use of mirrors an effect of hands floating infinitely downward in ultra-violet light was achieved.

▼ Sheepshead Bay High School is taking part in a program of the Air Resources Department of New York City. An air monitoring station in the school is operating a study of eventual control of air pollution. The overall project of the monitoring network is to observe the flow of air pollution, thus enabling the city to effectively combat this problem.

▼ Sports Shorts. . . . Cheryl Toussaint, a junior at Erasmus Hall High School, has made the United States Girl All-American Track Team. She placed second in the women's half mile at the Millrose Games, held at Madison Square Garden. . . . After almost thirty years of waiting, Lafayette High School is finally the proud owner of an athletic field. Among the features of the field are its triangular design and its all weather track. . . . The Oceanside Senior High School track team has girl managers.

▼ A course in ethnomusicology, which is the study of the musical culture of foreign countries, is being offered at Wingate High School. The one of a kind course also involves learning about a country's customs, costumes, and geography in relation to its music.

PROMISES, PROMISES—
Have They Been Kept?

In keeping with ARGUS *policy, we are presenting the results of interviews with Mayor Debbie Isom and Comptroller Mark Knoller to evaluate the fulfillment of their campaign promises.*

MAYOR

1. "Speak-outs" in the auditorium.

For the first time in Midwood's history, students have the opportunity to participate in organized gripe sessions. Twice in the main building in room 245 and once in the annex, Mayor Debbie Isom has staged "Speak-outs" in the hope of facilitating communications between students and faculty.

2. Try to inform the student body through bulletins, circulars, and announcements.

Debbie is presently employing one of the fourth floor bulletin boards for announcements and reports issued by B-71. She also frequently visits the homerooms and uses the P.A. system.

3. Inter-school activities.

Mayor Debbie Isom is hopeful that present plans for an inter-school debate will materialize.

4. Continuation of the Midwood Swingers.

As pledged, The Midwood Swingers have become part of the Midwood scene and will perform again in April.

5. More variety of talent at Midwood dances.

This promise will be realized at the "Spring Thing" this Friday night. In addition to the usual rock 'n' roll group, a steel band and jazz band will also provide entertainment.

COMPTROLLER

1. Allocate more money to activities in which many students participate.

Because of the shortened school term, students did not join the G.O., necessitating cuts in all school activities. It is a "sad situation when students won't shell out a dollar for the G.O." He admits that this plank, anticipating active G.O. membership, was a poor assumption.

2. Work closely with class officers to help plan the "most successful class activities possible."

Indicting both officers and the students they represent, Mark criticized the leaders for inefficiency and lack of incentive. However, he said that it is "not all their fault." There is "senior apathy throughout the school."

3. Attempt to maintain present G.O. dues.

This Mark has done "although the budget warrants the raising of them." Dues were increased the year before Mark came into office.

4. Base allocations and schedule activities on student opinion, aided by the Polling Commission.

Although he has conducted polls, he has not based anything on them. Mark justified himself by stating that the students "didn't respond as I wanted" and displayed a "lack of spirit."

Fly the Friendly Skies?!

"Señorita, I weesh to see the pilot."

"I'm sorry, sir," the stewardess replied courteously, "but the pilot is busy flying the plane right now. Say, haven't I seen you before?"

"Si Señorita, on TV maybe. I am El Exigente and thees ees a steekup. Fly thees plane to Havana."

"But what about those poor people in Colombia with all that coffee?"

"Coffee makes me seek, Señorita.I have been offered a job tasting sugar—mucho taste, but no coffee keekback. So, eef you want me to remove thees gun from your back, take me to the pilot."

Upon entering the cabin, the muzzle of the gun was transferred from the stewardess' back to the pilot's head. The captain called Cuba on the radio.

"Havana, this is Eastern flight 917 from New York requesting permission to land."

"I am sorry Señor, came the crackly reply, "We are very beezy right now. You must circle the airport for a few meenutes."

After circling for several hours, the pilot spoke again.

"Havana, we are running low on fuel. We must land within fifteen minutes."

"Señor, there ees steel a flight from New Orleans and one from Cheecago ahead of you. You are our seexty-seventh flight today, and we cannot handle you right now. We weel divert you to Miami for refueling, though, so pleese return at five feefteen."

by Lee Brooks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the *Argus*:

As regards compulsory education:

Michael Goldman wrote about the impracticality of having a trained psychologist readily available at all times if a Summerhill educational system were instituted. I think he missed the significance of his observation. If freedom were suddenly introduced into our lives after so many years of directed thinking and rigid discipline, we would be unable to cope with it and would probably use our freedom in ways that would be self-destructive, in the hope that authoritive figures would restrain us, as they always have. The massive insecurities produced would make life totally chaotic, with psychologists needed to calm our fears . . .

Myra Leysorek

Schools Criticized

To the Editor of the *Argus*:

I have no specific complaints about Midwood; for as a city high school, I think it is fairly liberal. My criticisms lie with the whole city school system. To me, our schools are like training systems, where we are taught to conform to the values of society. The teaching methods are as old as some of the buildings. The curriculum is often irrelevant and repetitious. Our education is based on discipline, memorization, and grades. Whatever happened to the process of learning? The whole structure of our school system needs to be done over. I realize that schools are just one of many urban problems, but I definitely feel that education deserves priority.

Jane Rouder

Student Union Assailed

To the Editor of the *Argus*:

Many students have been beguiled into supporting the so-called students' union. They have been duped into believing that the leaders of this band of rabble-rousers are motivated by sincere interest in quality education. This is not the case.

I see membership in the students' union as basic training for membership in Students for a Demorcatic Society. I make this statement with the knowledge that the founders of the union were counseled by Mark Rudd, that notorious scoundrel who turned Columbia University's campus into a battleground.

The leaders of this union seem to fancy themselves as revolutionaries who live off the fruit of the land and drink rum for breakfast. I would tend to doubt these notions, but their words and actions do indicate intoxication of some sort—or gross immaturity.

Jonathan Davis

Biafra Commission

To the Editor of the *Argus*:

In the midst of making up lost schoolwork and preparing for Regents Citywides, etc., I find it rather gratifying to know that some Midwood students actually care about the Biafran crisis. Day after day in the cafeteria, the members of the Biafran Commission walk from table to table explaining just what is going on in Biafra and what a few pennies can really do. I'm quite proud to admit I belong to the same school as they and feel that they should get some recognition besides a few services credits. Thank you.

Michele DuBois

Doth Protest Too Much?

The increasing intensity of protest in both colleges and high schools is a major issue of concern today. The relationship among protest, law and conscience is often debated. The views of four men are presented below.

"Men who create power make an indispensable contribution to a nation's greatness but the men who question power make a contribution just as indispensable."

—President John F. Kennedy

"The right to be heard is something we all respect in this country, the right to be taken seriously depends on what you've got to say."

—Vice President Hubert Humphrey

"My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither honest nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

—Martin Luther

"There are just laws and there are unjust laws. A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law.

—Dr. Martin Luther King

'Relax, Have a Seat; This Won't Hurt A Bit'

The room looked like a dentist's office, with imitation wood paneling, old magazines on a table, and a secretary who looks as if she used that old-fashioned, harsh dishwashing detergent—all over her face. His turn came, and trembling with fear, he walked into the room in which his fate for the next four years was, at least in part, to be decided. With a little pressure, he might have confessed to everything from Lincoln's assassination to plotting to destroy the United States with an "Agnew in '72" campaign.

This, if you haven't already guessed, is a college interview, or at least the moments immediately preceding one. Only for a college interview can a person be excused from school to get up two hours earlier than usual to take a bus, train, plane, or car 500 miles to speak for 15 minutes to someone he has never seen before, and, in all probability, will never see again.

Searching Questions

The purpose of this, claim the colleges, is to provide an insight into your personality. This is accomplished with such soul-searching questions as "How did you spend last summer?" and "What did you do during the teacher strike?" If asked to write a composition on any of these topics in school, the students complain bitterly about being treated like babies.

The "Correct" Answer

At a college interview, all those concerned try to hide their true feelings. The interviewer looks interested and encouraging, when you know that what he really wants to do is go and get a hamburger at the luncheonette on the corner. The student, on the other hand, is trying to seem enthusiastic about Rensselaer when he really wants to go to MIT.

Make the Answer Fit the School

There is a different set of answers for each type of college: sort of a "one from column A, two from column B" type thing. For example, when Syracuse asks what type of school you really want, the correct answer is a large, co-ed university, where there are plenty of people, and plenty of members of the opposite sex easily at hand. At Haverford, however, a small, male college is your heart's desire, because you get to know people better, and there is not the "distraction" of females.

The interview finally does end after a brief period of guarded questions and answers however, and everyone is free to go on his way, the admissions officer to his hamburger, and you to your interview at MIT. **by Lee Brooks**

DEEPER, *AND DEEPER,* TO SLEEP

He just sat there staring at a card I held in my hand as I began counting to ten. At the count of ten, he slumped over, fast asleep. Magic? No, the beginning of an experiment in hypnosis, that "mystical" area of science.

The possibilities of hypnosis are amazing. I have put people to sleep by saying two words, allowed them to sense things that do not exist and made them unable to lift a pen from a table. My explorations with hypnosis have carried me deep into the realm of seeming impossibility. Hypnosis, however, is not magic by any means. Everyone passes through a hypnotic state twice a day, when waking up and falling asleep. In this condition, which I have artificially induced in many subjects, the person being hypnotized is very susceptible to suggestion.

Several other interesting experiments include sight hallucinations. One subject, after being given the suggestion, saw two of me standing next to each other; another saw a nonexistent kitten sitting on the floor. A fascinating experiment resulted in causing the subject to forget the number "five." Upon awakening, he counted to ten, omitting "5." When asked for the sum of "2 plus 3" he could only admit defeat. I effectively placed a subject, in one experiment, 'back" into first grade. He could print only his name and when asked about school he described how "they had learned subtraction that day.

Hypnosis, however, is much more useful than any of the above can indicate. I suggested to one subject that he would be able to concentrate perfectly on anything he wanted to. His memory became nearly photographic, his reading speed and comprehension more than doubled. Several subjects were even taught to hypnotize themselves.

One final word should be said about the dangers of hypnosis. It involves something we know little about—the mind, and no experiments should be undertaken without a doctor's supervision.

Hypnosis is an obscure area of psychology dwelling, as it has for centuries, in a mythical supernatural setting. If hypnotism is brought out of that setting, and understood, it may very well be not only an amazing curiosity but a panacea for man. **By Edward Rothstein**

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Once A Politician, Always A . . .

"My most vivid experiences in Midwood were those of being mayor. It was a laboratory experiment in government." Steve Solarz, a former Midwood mayor, has used this political experience to become the State Assemblyman from Brooklyn's 45th Assembly District (Sheepshead Bay and southern Flatbush).

He still has a "deep affection" for Midwood, especially for his two faculty advisors in B-71, Mr. Dobren and Mr. Grebanier.

"The wonderful thing about both of them is that they tried to create an atmosphere in which we felt free to go as far as we were capable and to seek that which was desirable—they were advisors in the very best sense."

After graduating from Midwood, Mr. Solarz went on to Brandeis University, where he became editor of the newspaper and vice-president of the student government. As to the recent disturbances at Brandeis, Mr. Solarz commented that anyone who suggested taking over a building while he was there would have been considered "some kind of nut."

As to student protest in general, Mr. Solarz stated, "I applaud the passion for social justice, but sometimes I deplore the methods of obtaining it. The concern over our problems—inequality at home and the war in Vietnam—is commendable, but I also believe . . . [that] sometimes the tactics they adopt are counterproductive. The purpose of protest must be to right wrongs rather than to give in to emotions."

Assemblyman Solarz

Upon leaving Brandeis, Assemblyman Solarz wrote for *Philadelphia Magazine,* and then returned to New York to attend Columbia Graduate School, where he received a master's degree in political science, and will soon receive his Ph.D.

He worked his way through graduate school by writing for *Newsfront* magazine, which gave him the opportunity to travel to Cuba and London. In 1966 he was asked by a Midwood classmate to manage Mel Dubin's campaign for congress, in which he got "hooked" in two ways: on large scale politics and by his wife. The Solarzes now have two children.

In 1968, Mr. Solarz decided to run for the Assembly, and won his first primary "almost ten years to the day" from his graduation from Midwood. And also ten years later, he has "redeemed an old mayoral campaign pledge" by introducing legislation which would provide Midwood with a driver education program. Another bill he introduced is to lower the voting age in New York State to eighteen.

His hobbies are tennis and reading. He still reads quite a bit, but tennis has become almost a summer activity for lack of time.

Assemblyman Solarz said that from his years in Midwood, he has "fine recollections, and good friends" and he "learned a lot in very satisfying years." **by Susan Janovsky**

LEE'S PUZZLE

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Off-Beat Class Seeks Scientists

Would you believe that there is one class in Midwood High School in which the teacher asks only that the students think and nothing else?

This course in mind training goes under the guise of being an advanced placement class in physics, which meets 7 periods a week in room 273.

"You Are Not Intellectuals"

The class consists of 6 male seniors, 5 male juniors, and one female junior who are supposedly mathematically and scientifically inclined. The teacher, Physical Science Chairman, Simon A. Weissman, insists however, that these able young people are "not intellectuals." He has based his theory on his findings that they don't know how to use an abacus (with the exception of a Chinese student), they haven't read "Blood Wedding" by Garcia Lorca (with the exception of the female student who read it over Christmas), and they don't devour the PSSC books offered to them.

Informal Classes

Despite the fact that Mr. Weissman will not permit any boys with moderately long sideburns into class, the classes are informal. In any one period, the discussion may range from synchronous satellites to putty and ping pong balls.

Inspiration

Occasionally, an old AP Physics student of Mr. Weissman will show up and give the class a pep talk. He has, of course, become a research physicist, if not a theoretical one.

Some members of the class actually do feel that they will go into physics and perhaps take up the hunting of the quark (a high energy particle that may be the basis of all matter). Others may recoil from the course with such great momentum that they may become English majors and take up "The Hunting of the Snark."

by Rika Lesser

M —For Mature Readers Only

If some of you haven't gone to the movies recently, the next time you go, be prepared to bring proof of age, or look like you're 50 years old.

The movie theaters are now cracking down to protect Young America from sex, violence, and trash. A new code has been established to replace the old "Not recommended for children."

For those of you who enjoy good wholesome family entertainment like "Son of Snow White," there are the "G" pictures—those recommended for general audiences. Occasionally, an interesting musical or "good film" is shown in this category just to keep it in existence.

The movie makers become more considerate of polluting your mind in the next category, "M—Suggested for Mature Audiences—Parental Discretion Advised." A lesson is given to your parents, free of charge, on how to bring you up. If your parents do allow you to go, despite the professional advice of the money-makers of the year, you will never be the same.

A desperate attempt at making money is the next category, "R"—Restricted; Persons Under 16 Not Admitted Unless Accompanied by Parent or Guardian! No more advising! That's because they're getting to the major sales gimmick of the century—Sex and Violence.

Finally, the majority of movies this year bear the label, "X"—Proof of Age Required; No One Under 17 Admitted, the X standing for Sex spelled backwards.

For those under the required age for a movie, don't worry about it. Next year it will be on television! **by Eddie Rothstein**

Dustin Shines on Broadway

Jimmy Shine is Dustin Hoffman's play, for without him, this new, somewhat tedious production probably would have closed before it was a week old. Mr. Murray Schisgal, the author, last achieved success with "Luv," a smash comedy hit.

The play fails in its dragging attempt to portray the search of a young painter for meaning in his meaningless life, highlighted through fleeting memories and decorated by song and dance. We watch Jimmy Shine grow up, surrounded by friends, dirty jokes, and slow dialogue.

The only one who stands out in the play is Dustin Hoffman. His exceptional talent is evident during his numerous monologues, unfortunately marred by the interruptions of the plot.

The role itself wasn't hard for Hoffman to fit into; in fact, in several scenes you get the feeling that the playwright saw "The Graduate" just before he sat down to write this. Jimmy encounters a spinsterlike teacher who "lets down her hair for him" one day after class. This bewildered student closely resembles Benjamin of "Graduate" fame.

During the play we follow Jimmy Shine as he encounters his first love, first prostitute, first heartbreak and on and on and on. Yet, through all this tedium Mr. Hoffman still "shines" on, and as long as he does, the ticket lines, we suspect, will be long at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre.

by Gwenn Drucker

Cagers Finish 7-10 Ending Dismal Season

When you take a quick backward glance at the recent Midwood High School basketball season, you see two things that Coach Mike Tohn lost. The first is ten ball games. The latter and more important is the loss of his top seven Cagers to graduation this June.

Disappointing Record

In a season which had its ups and downs, the Blue Hornets seemed to be catching more of the bottom than the top. The team's overall record was a disappointing 7 victories and 10 defeats. A major factor in the fall of the defending City Champs was the changing of divisions, leaving them with a very rough schedule. They did however, manage to win two of their non-division clashes.

Smith hits from corner.

Missing Ingredients

The Hornet's noticeably lacked two ingredients in their 1968-69 campaign. The first was height, with the tallest man on the squad, Jon Canin, listed at 6'3". Many of Midwood's opponents had ballplayers 6'5" and over. The other element missing was a healthy Tony Keppel, the starting senior center, who started the season with a bone injury in his right foot and later picked up a back injury in the second Erasmus contest. Tony, expected by many to be scoring as many as 25 points a game, was able to come up with only a 12.5 game average. Thus, the scoring honors fell to another senior, Sam Mazzara, who scored at a 14.6 per game clip.

After winning their first three games, the Hornets managed to come up with victories in only four out of their next fourteen contests. However, the Cagers did provide exciting basketball, pulling out two of their wins in overtime periods against Madison and Adelphi.

Batmen To Defend '68 Division Title

Defending its 1968 Division title, the Baseball team has begun preparations for this year's return to the diamond. Although the season does not open until mid-April, Coach Bob Coccodrilli, taking over for former coach Herb Solomon, has already begun to organize the team.

Spring team tryouts were held February 10 and 11, and unearthed new prospects for this young squad. "The tryouts will have a direct and significant effect on the team's success," remarked Coach Coccodrilli.

Star Players Lost

The team was hurt very badly by the loss of .300 hitters Todd Gannet, Aggie Rosenthal, Gil Hodges Jr., and all-city pitching ace Randy Model. As a result, many of the twenty varsity positions are not as yet filled.

The division itself will not be altered and the Midwood ballplayers are looking to beat Madison and Tilden, both termed as "tough competitors" by Coach Coccodrilli.

Tom Constanza and Mike Monatlik, both juniors, will be the two top veteran pitchers returning to the squad. Other returning veterans are seniors Lou Scarcella, Paul Rogers, Charlie Pensabene, Robert Hillier, Craig Caffiero, Tomas Smith, Jerry Schweitzer, and junior Randy Binder.

Striders Run Well At Indoor Meets

Composed of a handful of outstanding seniors and backed by a strong junior and sophomore squad, the Midwood Striders have already started their dash for the division title.

Flexing both their muscles and speed at the St. Francis and Cardinal Hayes meets, the Striders gave a creditable showing for the school and for themselves. The attack was spearheaded by Captain Neil Solomon, competing in the 440. Neil sped past most of the competition to lay claim to an overall fourth-place medal. Versatile Captain Al Johnson, running in both the 600 and 1000-yard events, placed well in both of them.

Improvement Noted

Middle distance specialist Cliff Newsum ran the 1000 in both meets, improving both his time and standing in each. The new mile relay team, composed of Sal Deliteris, Charles Lopez, Don Hanashey, and Carel Williams, ran an excellent race, never losing their hard-earned lead. Newcomers Bob Brown and Frank Waltzer, distance runners, and sprinter Don Dobson show great promise for the meets and note should be taken of them.

New Chairmen Arrive: Mr. Heft, Mrs. Rubinger

The struggle to have more athletic programs for girls will be greatly assisted by Midwood's new Chairman of the Girls' Health Education Department, Mrs. Adele Rubinger. She is certainly qualified to speak about girls' sports: Mrs. Rubinger is a N. Y. State Certified Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Plans Intramurals

"An intramural club program for girls, including tennis, volleyball, basketball and modern dancing, may be started in the near future," anticipates Mrs. Rubinger. The problems she would face for their realization are the three session schedule and the lack of facilities. To help solve them, she is considering working with neighboring schools.

Mrs. Rubinger feels that co-ed activities would be a long-awaited innovation in Midwood. She believes that girls as well as boys should be able to participate in such activities as swimming, field hockey and softball.

We are sure that this exceptionally qualified teacher will encourage and help others to achieve success in athletics.

A product of the New York City school system, Mr. William Heft has assumed the chairmanship of the Boys' Health Education Department, replacing Mr. Edward Delaney. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Mr. Heft received B.A. degrees in physical education and social studies from CCNY, and a Masters degree in physical education from N.Y.U. While attending college, he was a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

The energetic, well-built Chairman brings to Midwood thirty-five years of teaching experience at Brooklyn Automotive and Boys' High, having served as department head at the latter for the past twelve. In the short time that he has been at Midwood, Mr. Heft has been greatly impressed by the "friendliness shown to him by everyone at the school."

Sportcard: Odds 'n' Ends

The City Championship meet brought to an end the PSAL swimming season, and Midwood was well represented by junior Don MacFarland. Don, a 4th place finisher in the 200-yard individual medley at the trial meet on January 11, came in seventh in his specialty at the championship meet. Midwood placed well at the trial meet, too. Soph Larry Kamph had eighth-place finishes in the 200 and 400-yard free styles, while Captain Pete Fleming was ninth in the 100-yard breast stroke.

Midwood Grads Star in College

Steve Bracey, last year's captain and star of the basketball team, is now at Kilgore Junior College in Texas, where he is continuing the brand of play that made him an All-City selection in 1967-68. "Brace" is currently hitting the nets at a 25 point per game clip, while handing off for an additional 15 baskets.

Also continuing their winning ways in college are last year's track stars, Clyde and Bill McPherson. Now enrolled at Adelphi University, these mercurial brothers are currently running on the freshmen track team, and winning meets as they go. With Bill running the third leg and Clyde the anchor, the freshman mile relay team won its event in the Millrose and Washington, D.C. Invitational Meets. The boys are now preparing for the outdoor season.

Captains Chosen

Harold Belsky has been chosen as next year's captain of the Midwood Football Hornets. Beginning his third year with the team, Harold plays both offense and defense, doubling as a linebacker when he is not at quarterback.

The captain of next year's Soccer team will be Mladen Vicich. Mladen has been a key performer at his halfback position for the past two seasons. His co-captains will be Lucien Severe and Carlyle Sammy, who play at halfback and wing, respectively.

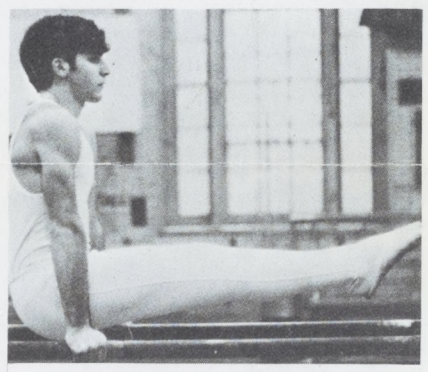
Wallmen Look Ahead

The forecast is a bright season for the Handball team. Wallmen coach Mike Tohn is very optimistic about his team's chances with five of last year's seven starters returning to play another season. "Eddy Rodriguez, Chris Puello, Gary Russo, Joe Fitzsimmons, and Captain Pete Gebhardt form a very solid nucleus, while newcomers Mladen Vicich, Barry Drexler, and Craig Vogel look very good," commented Coach Tohn.

By Bob Kaplan

Gym Team Defeated After Forfeit Win

A late rally failed to cut an early deficit as the Midwood Gym team succumbed to Bushwick High School, 67-52, at the loser's gym. The futile comeback was led by rookies Jay Flanz and Martin Finston, and veteran Greg Romeo, each of whom finished second in his respective event. The gymnasts had opened their season with a win by forfeit over Boys High.



Gewanter on parallel bars.

With a fine blend of rookies and veterans, Coach Mel Moskowitz has "high expectations for this year's gymnasts." They are led by Captain Al Gewanter, who is Midwood's all-round performer. Other team members include Joe Shulman on the horse, Mark Davis and Steve Festa in free exercise, and John DiMicelli on the high bar.

The big match of the year against defending champion Brooklyn Tech, twice postponed because of adverse weather conditions, was re-scheduled for March 6. The Gymnasts will compete in eight matches, with the season ending on March 25 against Alexander Hamilton.

Sportlight

Keppel: Injured Star

It isn't often in a coach's career that a ballplayer with the dimensions of a superstar comes along. First-year basketball coach Mike Tohn had such a ballplayer on his squad in the person of Tony Keppel, until injuries robbed Tony of the chance to fulfill his potential.

Vital Statistics

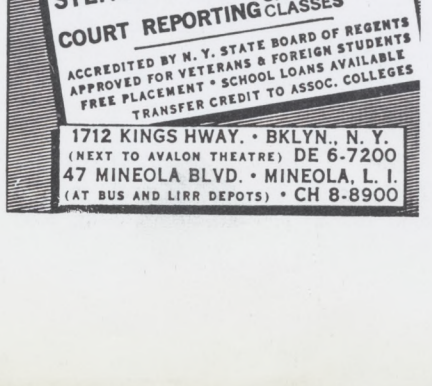
The 6-2, 165-pound center averaged 12.5 points per game, while finishing at or near the top in every other department, but the season was a disappointment to Tony. Hobbled by injuries, he was unable to give his teammates anything but moral support as they suffered through a poor season.

A three-year starter, Tony played a major role on last year's City Championship team. The highlight of his career came in the championship game against Tilden. Tony was in complete control of his man, All-City center Don Blackman, as Midwood gained the Division II PSAL title.

Diversified Interests

Outside of basketball, Tony has many interesting and varied pastimes. He enjoys high-jumping, and competes on the track team during the spring. Academically, he is interested in Bio-Chemistry, which he intends to pursue as a career. A future in pro basketball seems too remote a dream at present. As Tony himself says, "I'm not letting it bother me right now."

College is the next hurdle for Tony to cross. At the present time, he has



Captain Tony Keppel

received a large number of correspondences from many schools interested in having Tony grace their basketball teams with his ability and desire. Among these schools are St. Bonaventure, Villanova, Boston College, Rhode Island, and LIU.

Success is certain to cross Tony's path again and again.

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